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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL SENDER] 228 Bloomfield Avenue - University of Hartford - SUP # 1353

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Hello Catherine,

I am responding on behalf of Greg. Please see the following:

The University of Hartford is requesting special Use Permit approval for a 6' wide gas fired fire pit to be installed in a new circular courtyard at the POE dormitory. This is part of the schools continuing upgrading of the many dormitories in order to improve the dormitory life experience. The fire pit is part of an amenity upgrade as well as a small storage box which will provide storage of small recreational orientated equipment (games) to be used by the dormitory residents. The landscaping is to provide screening for the dumpster area south of the courtyard for both dormitory residents and adjacent neighbors as well as an enhancement for the courtyard. Additionally, the landscaping is designed to coordinate/complement with other landscaped courtyards in the vicinity of the POE dormitory.

Please let us know if this will suffice or if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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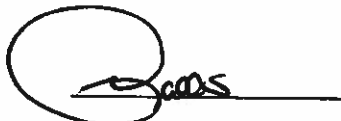
Dear Mr. Todd N. Dumais,

My name is Jeremy LaClair and I am the Superintendent of Grounds at the University of Hartford. This letter is in relation to the dumpster pad area at the rear of A complex at the university. We at the university have CWPM contracted as our hauler. Part of the contract we have with CWPM limits the drivers to remaining inside the vehicles which is why no dumpster pads are gated enclosures on site. We have three sided fencing around dumpster pads and we found that students became less likely to dispose of their refuse accordingly in the dumpsters if spacing was too narrow in between the two dumpsters on the pad or in between the dumpsters and the fencing itself. Knowing that we have taken steps to open up the space by removing two sides of these fenced areas leaving a single fence at the rear of the pad to block view from the campus loop road. Understanding this over the year's plantings has been placed to block the view of the dumpsters where we have used grasses or arborvitaes. Across the campus we don't have a uniform cookie cutter design for each dumpster area except for the eight foot black vinyl chain link fence with black slatted plastic. We have worked off of the needs of each space as they are all different. In the area we are currently talking about I recommended a planting be done to block the students view in A complex from the dumpsters which would allow for easy maintenance around the dumpsters for things such as removing excess debris or plowing in the winter. When I found out that the conversation moved to having it screened I asked for two sides the A complex and rear woods line to be fenced. This would accommodate space on both sides of the dumpsters for refuse to be picked up and deposited as well as generate screening from our neighbors through the woods and the students in the dormitory. My concern with screening on the third side is twofold. One it poses a maintenance issue that we have experienced at other dorm locations where students drop trash outside of the dumpster rather than in it due to a narrow opening which then generates a trash pyramid or for plowing purposes it makes things more difficult in the area. The second is that with it screened in accessibility becomes an issue for students with mobility needs getting in between the fencing and the dumpster itself. I hope this explanation finds you well and helps to give a greater understanding that we are constantly working to accommodate our students, faculty and staff in all facets of their experiences on campus.

Regards,



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